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SUBJ: LETTER TO SIHANOUK

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- 1. GROUP OF TEN CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO DEPARTED THEIR COUNTRY AFTER PRINCE SIHANOUK ARRIVED THERE ON SEPTEMBER 9 HAVE ADDRESSED ALETTER TO HIM THROUGH UN SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. WELL-WRITTEN, IT DETAILS SUCH EVENTS AS THE PURGE OF SIHANOUK FOLLOWERS AFTER KC TAKE-OVER, EXECUTION IN SISOPHON OF 300 PEOPLE WHO RETURNED TO CAMBODIA IN JUNE, DESTRUCTION OF BUDDHISM, WIPING OUT OF ENTIRE VILLAGES (INCLUDING FOUR IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE), CLOSING OF SCHOOLS, AND FORCED LABOR. THE AUTHORS TELL SIHANOUK THAT HE IS SIMPLY BEING USED AND WILL LATER BE PUT ASIDE, NOT THAT THE COUNTRY IS BEING RUN BY UNEDUCATED PEOPLE AND IS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF NEO-COLONIALISM, AND APPEAL TO HIM TO RENOUNCE ANY TIES WITH THE KC.
- 2. BEGIN LOU: ALTHOUGH HIS NAME IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND, FORMER PRIME MINISTER IN TAM IS PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE LETTER. (HE COULD NOT VERY WELL HAVE SIGNED IT, SINCE

HE PRESIDED OVER THE CAMBODIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SESSION MARCH 18, 1970 WHICH DID AWAY WITH SIHANOUK AND THE MONARCH). IN TAM TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER OCTOBER 1 THAT THE LETTER IS DESIGNED TO EXPOSE SIHANOUK TO THE TRUE SITUATION IN HIS COUNTRY, ONE IN WHICH ALL THAT SIHANOUK'S ANCESTORS WORKED FOR IS BEING DESTROYED.

3. WE ARE POUCHING COPY OF LETTER TO EA/LC. MASTERS

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